

**Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:** The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, and after consultation with the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senators Baucus, Levin, Feinstein, Dorgan (Chairman), and Brown.

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Ladda Tammy Duckworth, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs). **Pages S4599, S4600, S4601**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—161) **Pages S4543, S4552**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 23, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4601.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine environmental management stimulus funding, after receiving testimony from Ines R. Triay, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management.

### READINESS OF U.S. GROUND FORCES

**Committee on Armed Services:** Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine the current readiness of U.S. ground forces, after receiving testimony from General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, and General James F. Amos, USMC, Assistant Com-

mandant, U.S. Marine Corps, both of the Department of Defense.

### SAVE AMERICAN ENERGY ACT

**Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 548, to amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for retail electricity and natural gas distributors, after receiving testimony from Senator Schumer; Patricia Hoffman, Acting Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability; Paul A. Centolella, Ohio Public Utilities Commission, Columbus; David J. Manning, National Grid, Brooklyn, NY; Steven Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Washington, DC; Thomas E. Skains, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Charlotte, NC, on behalf of the American Gas Association; and Rich Wells, The Dow Chemical Company, Midland, MI.

### GSA AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration and energy efficiency in public buildings, after receiving testimony from Paul F. Prouty, Acting Administrator, General Services Administration; Doug Gatlin, U.S. Green Building Council, and Lane Burt, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, DC; and Harvey Bryan, Arizona State University School of Sustainability, Tempe.

### GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine global climate change, focusing on U.S. leadership for a new global agreement, after receiving testimony from Todd Stern, Special Envoy for Climate Change, Department of State; Helene D. Gayle, CARE USA, Atlanta, GA; Ned Helme, Center for Clean Air Policy, Washington, DC; and Paul Camuti, Siemens Corporate Research, Princeton, NJ.

### NOMINATIONS

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Susan Flood Burk, of Virginia, to be Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador, and Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be U.S. Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.